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## Senate President Rob Wagner's Unlawful, Uncompromising, Unconstitutional Actions

**SALEM, Ore.** – The Senate Republican Caucus released a memo breaking down Senate President Rob Wagner's unlawful, uncompromising, and unconstitutional actions that began long before the constitutional protest. The memo is attached.

"Democratic majority rule is constrained by laws and the provisions of our Constitution. When the majority breaks these laws and willingly chooses to ignore them, they are in violation of their sacred oath of office and trampling on the very mechanisms that maintain a healthy representative democracy. It is our duty to protect these mechanisms of the law and vigorously hold them accountable. Rob Wagner is driving representative democracy off a cliff. We will not merely be a speed bump to these reckless and partisan violations of our laws," said Senate Republican Leader Tim Knopp (R-Bend).

## Some highlights:

**Eliminating Public Hearing**: Rob Wagner has allowed an extremely partisan bill, <u>SB</u> 393, to pass out of committee without a public hearing. There is no greater example of driving democracy into a ditch by allowing bills to pass without holding a public hearing.

<u>Silencing Oregonians We Represent</u>: Rob Wagner killed the entire Senate Republican <u>Equitable Oregon</u> agenda. He did this despite Republicans and Independents representing nearly 2 million Oregonians and roughly <u>90%</u> of Oregon's natural resource lands. Later, Republicans attempted to bring 75 bills to the floor for consideration and Rob Wagner led his Caucus in voting no on each of these critical discussions. This is not good faith bipartisanship.

**Refusing Common Sense Bipartisanship**: Rob Wagner refuses Republican and Independent legislators requests to set up a bipartisan, bicameral, even-numbered committee on oversight and accountability (See Exhibit F - Republican joint letter April 18, 2023).